

"What Home Mean to Me" Poster Contest 2012 is Gearing Up!

As part of NAHRO's Housing America campaign, a poster contest is held for children residing in affordable housing and community development programs owned or administered by NAHRO member agencies each year. Posters reflect the national theme of "[What Home Means to Me](#)." The contest is a collaborative effort of NAHRO's chapter/state, regional, and national organizations. National honorees will be selected from chapter/state-level winning entries.

Poster Specifications:

- Theme - "What Home Means to Me"
- Size - No larger than 22" x 28"
- Media - Contestant may use any art media (marker, crayon, paint, collage, textiles, etc.), but please consider that posters will need to be mailed and reproduced.
- All contestants must sign a [release](#) making their entry the property of NAHRO and permitting duplication/publication thereof.
- All contestants are asked to provide a [short narrative](#) as to their poster theme.

Eligibility and Selection Categories:

Contest participation is open to all children residing in affordable housing assisted directly by or supported under community development and affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO member agency (i.e., public or Section 8-assisted housing CDBG, HOME, LIHTC).

Three age categories of competition:

Elementary - K to 5th grade;

Middle - 6th to 8th grade;

High – 9th to 12th grade

State/Chapter Competitions:

Submissions to National NAHRO must first be judged at the state or regional level (click [here](#) for your state and region contacts). Due to the number of entries, NAHRO cannot accept submissions from individual agencies.

Each state/chapter may submit three honorees in each of the three age categories to NAHRO national for entry in the national competition (a maximum total of nine posters submitted to National NAHRO).

National honorees will be selected by a Blue Ribbon panel of judges to be assembled by NAHRO staff.

The National Jury will select four honorees in each of the three categories, plus an overall Grand Prize honoree.

National Prizes: National honorees will receive U.S. Savings Bonds. The 12 national honorees will receive a \$100 savings bond and the Grand Prize honoree will receive a \$500 savings bond. The Grand Prize honoree and his or her family will also be provided with transportation to and lodging at NAHRO's March 2011 National Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. All National honorees will also receive a framed certificate.

Poster Calendar and Display of 13 National Winning Entries:

- Poster Calendar: National NAHRO will develop a 2012 calendar based on the 13 nationally-selected posters. NAHRO will attempt to obtain a sponsor for the calendar.

Display of National Honorees: NAHRO will also seek permission to display selected entries in the U.S. Capitol.